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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Protection of Manila against plague in Chinese ports.

MANILA, P. I., May 16, 1900.

SIR: In view of the increase of plague in Hongkong and the fact that Manila is only sixty hours distant, I have the honor to inform you that I have promulgated the following quarantine regulations for the protection of the Philippines during the prevalence of plague in Hongkong, Amoy, and other Chinese ports:

I had a conference with the agents of the steamship companies, and showed them the necessity for not bringing more steerage passengers in order to escape quarantine and detention of their vessels at Manila. I have stopped steerage passengers destined for Philippine ports from sailing from Hongkong and other infected cities, and require disinfection of crew and their effects at port of departure. The crew and steerage passengers with their baggage and effects for Australian ports, via Manila, are also required to be disinfected at port of departure when such place is infected. The crew of all these vessels and the steerage passengers for Australia are not allowed on shore at Manila.

I deem the measures instituted as affording the best protection, pending the equipment of the quarantine station at this port.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MANILA, P. I., May 17, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor hereby to report that during the week ended May 12, 1900, there occurred in Manila, P. I., 4 cases of plague, with 3 deaths. During the same period 1 case of smallpox occurred.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

SCOTLAND.

Report from Glasgow.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, June 21, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to forward the following report of transactions at this port for the week ended June 16, 1900:

On June 14 the steamship *State of Nebraska* sailed for New York. Nine first-cabin, 39 second, and 28 steerage passengers were inspected and passed. Three bundles of bedding were held for disinfection. On June 16 the steamship *City of Rome* sailed for New York. Thirty-seven first-cabin, 72 second-cabin, and 193 steerage passengers were inspected and passed. Forty-two bundles of bedding were disinfected for this vessel. Two vessels with cargo sailed during the week. The weekly sanitary report shows 56 cases of smallpox and 4 cases of typhus fever. I inclose the weekly abstract of bills of health issued.

Respectfully,

H. W. WICKES,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.